West Lecture
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III
The Convert
"Revealed His Son in me" (Resolution)
Gal. 1:11-24

Intro.: 1. Pleasant day. Frustrated - No quizzes.
2. Reflecting on experience. The convert.
a) Reflection essential.
b) Marriage, boyst., trip.
c) Of course, can become negative.
3. Reflection on exper. of Paul. Not normative but genuine.
a) Prep. - Before born. Tolstoy's parable.
b) Crisis - Called by grace. Accept what given to people he opposed.
c) Now - Resolution. Revealed Son in me.
4. at outset, understand -
a) Not worrying over own soul, then Jesus, but God in world.
b) Not in comm. w/ nature or conscience.
c) Not resolved once for all after prep. (Detective follows husband.)
5. But by revelation -
a) Not just vision of Christ
b) But who he was.

I By Typical Pharisee, hoped for Messiah.
1. Some had abandoned, disagreed, but hope.
2. This hope made Jn. popular.
a) Messiah coming. Crumbs.
b) Why not. "When Mess. comes."
c) Response to painful conditions.
3. This hope despised public opinion of Jesus.
4. This hope explains decline of prop. with chr. preachers.
a) Will come again then has come.
Natural bent to anticipation.
(Chinese Weasel, cabin in lake)
Postpone problems.
Shape Messiah to problem.
Every misery ...

II Revel. - Messiah has come, it Jesus.
1. Defines God in world.
2. Defines Chr. life.
3. Shatters pre-occup. w/ future. (Paul from past to present Mess.; some today the reverse)
4. By revel; magnif. reversal. only by revel., N.S.
5. 1st task of Messiah; has come, it Jesus. Believe it?